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SUBJECT: FIELD WORK RESTRICTION FOR FOREIGN RESEARCHERS IN INDONESIA

1. FOLLOWING IS FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION REGARDING PRESENT
STATUS FOREIGN RESEARCHERS IN COUNTRY:

2. POST HAS BEEN ADVISED BY THE BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
INDONESIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCES (LIPI) THAT THE GOI HAS ISSUED
DECREE STATING EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 15, 1977 THROUGH MAY 15, 1977
ALL FIELD RESEARCH IN INDONESIA IS TO CEASE. DECREE INCLUDES
EVERY ASPECT OF WORK BEING DONE IN QTE RESEARCH CAPACITY UNQTE.
INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN RESEARCH AT THE TIME MAY HAVE ACCESS
TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND LABORATORIS BUT CANNOT HAVE DIRECT
CONTACT WITHE PEOPLE CONCERNING HIS/HER WORK AND CANNOT
DISSEMINATE INFORMATION SUCH AS PAMPHLETS, BOOKS, QUESTIONNAIRES.
ETC.

3. RESEARCHERS NOW IN PROCESS OF ENTERING COUNTRY TO BEGIN WORK
WILL BE PERMITTED TO PROCESS PAPERS BUT ARE REQUIRED TO AGREE
VERBALLY TO DISCONTINEUE FIELL WORK DURING RESTRICTED PERIOD. POST
UNDERSTANDS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY NO RESEARCHER WHO HAS NOT
ALREADY BEEN GRANTED VISA AUTHORIZATION ON WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR
FIELD WORK IN INDONESIA. ACCORDING TOLIP, FORMAL GOI ANNOUNCE-
MENT CONCERNING THIS MATTER HAS BEEN SENT TO ALL INDONESIAN
EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES. (NOTE: RESEARCH CANDIDATES WHO
MAKE INQUIRIES OF INDONESIAN EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES SHOLD BE
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AWARE THAT STATEMENT OF INTERPRETATIONS MADE BY OFFICIALS OF

EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES NOT DEFINITIVE AND SUBJECT REVERSAL BY
LOCAL AUTHORITIES. WHERE QUESTIONS ARISE WE WILL BE PREPARED SEEK
INFORMATION WITH AUTHORITIES IN JAKARTA.)

4. DURING MORATORIUM ON RESEARCH, TRAVEL OUTSIDE PROVINCE OF
ASSIGNMENT WILL NOT BE ENCOURAGED.

5. WHEN QUERIED ON POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF RESTRICTION BEYOND MAY 15,
STATEMENT WAS THAT NOTHING IN WRITTING HAD BEEN RECEIVED BUT THERE
WAS POSSIBILITY SUCH AN EXTENSION. SUBSEQUENT CONVERATION WITH
LIPI HAS INDICATED DEFINITE CHANGE RESTRICTION WOULD EXTEND TO
SEPTEMBER 1977 BUT AS OF THIS DATE NOTHING FIRM. POST WILL KEEP
DEPARTMENT ADVISED.
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